

K-12 Student Research Databases

ABOUT

The South Dakota State Library, a division of the SD Department of Education, supports local librarians and libraries by encouraging excellence in services, providing collections to expand local reach, serving special populations, and offering quality research and interlibrary loan services to libraries and state agencies.

The State Library offers free to all South Dakota citizens a diverse, rich collection of 50+ databases and digital resources for research, reading & inquiry. Approximately 30 of the databases are geared for preK-12 education. Databases may also be referred to as 'resources' or 'digital resources.'

- ✓ All SDSL databases are linked at library.sd.gov.
- ✓ [Help](#) and [training](#) available.
- ✓ Contact Kim Bonen, Digital Resources Coordinator | kim.bonen@state.sd.us
Alissa Adams, School Library Technology Coordinator | alissa.adams@state.sd.us
- ✓ Access this document digitally at: bit.ly/SDSLk12recs

ACCESS

SDSL databases can be accessed in three ways:

1. Instantly, without a login, anywhere in South Dakota's geographic borders thanks to GeoIP.
2. Instantly within your school and without a login because of school district IP authentication.
3. Out-of-state using your school's State Library eCard. Login required.

- Complete list of databases in alphabetical order: library.sd.gov > Databases
- Direct links to preK-12 student research databases:
Elementary: library.sd.gov/LIB/SLC/hmwkElemGrd.aspx
Middle School: library.sd.gov/LIB/YAS/hmwkMS.aspx
High School: library.sd.gov/LIB/YAS/hmwkHS.aspx

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ELEMENTARY

* ebook options

***BookFlix:** Talking eBooks for PreK-2 but also for ESL, SPED, and other special populations. Thematically-aligned fiction and nonfiction pairings help children grow their oral vocabulary while providing academic and content vocabulary in context.

Culture Grams: ProQuest database offers statistical and cultural information about each US state and 200 countries. Daily life and culture, history, customs, lifestyles, recipes and interviews.

Explora Kids: Basic research database with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality.

Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedia: A student encyclopedia providing 25,000+ entries.

Miss Humblebee's Academy: PreK-K. Lessons in math, science, SS, language, literacy, art, music.

Primary Search: Provides articles from popular children's magazines, easy-to-read encyclopedia entries and a large image collection.

***Science Reference Center:** Provides articles from hundreds of science magazines, encyclopedias, reference books, and a large image collection.

***SIRS Discoverer:** Provides selected full-text articles that support grades K-8. Every article has a summary and a reading level. Includes biographies, over 3000 maps, country studies and an encyclopedia.

***TrueFlix:** Dozens of social studies and science pairings of videos and books. Primary sources, fiction, videos, audio clips, images, and related websites.

World Book Kids: For PreK-2. General reference for elementary students, it offers easy-to-read articles with embedded multimedia, images and videos as well as games, science projects, and activities.

World Book Student: For grades 3+. The digital version of the print World Book Encyclopedia + thousands of additional articles, learning resources, videos, student activities, and research tools.

World Book Dramatic Learning: Think Reader's Theatre! Browse plays, skits, and monologues, and writing exercises by grade level, subject, or title. Find curriculum correlations, lesson plans, mini-inquiry projects, rubrics, play starters, and links to play posters and programs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

* ebook options

Culture Grams: ProQuest database offers statistical and cultural information about each US state and 200 countries. Daily life and culture, history, customs, lifestyles, recipes and interviews.

Explora Teens: Research database with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality.

Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedia: A student encyclopedia providing 25,000+ entries.

***Gale Virtual Reference Library:** Reference books for all ages w/ topics in health, history, government, science, education & business. Great for print reference sources. Post-secondary/college use.

MiddleSearch Plus: Biographies, primary source documents, reference books, a vast image collection, and articles from popular middle school magazines.

Readers' Guide: Searchable full coverage of original paper volumes of periodicals.

***Science Reference Center:** Provides articles from hundreds of science magazines, encyclopedias, reference books, and a large image collection.

***SIRS Discoverer:** Provides full-text articles that support grades K-8. Every article has a summary and a reading level. Includes biographies, over 3000 maps, country studies and an encyclopedia.

SIRS Issues Researcher: Provides full-text articles that support grades 7-12. "Leading Issues" provides over 300 controversial topics. Includes topic overview, reviews the pro/con viewpoints and provides a guide for critical thinking to guide the student through the critical thinking process.

***TrueFlix:** Dozens of social studies and science pairings of videos and books. Primary sources, fiction, videos, audio clips, images, and related websites.

***World Book Discover:** Differentiated for grades K-12 and special populations. Articles have a summary and reading level. Includes biographies, maps, WB Explains videos, Life Skills section.

World Book Dramatic Learning: Think Reader's Theatre! Browse plays, skits, and monologues, and writing exercises by grade level, subject, or title. Find curriculum correlations, lesson plans, mini-inquiry projects, rubrics, play starters, and links to play posters and programs.

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HIGH SCHOOL

* ebook options

***EBSCO Ebooks Collection:** 10,000+ books in arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences, business, computers. Good if you're looking for a print source but in e-form.

EBSCO MegaFILE: A combined search of EBSCO's Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier, MasterFILE Premier & Regional Business News databases. Post-secondary & college.

Explora Teens: Basic research with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality.

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***Indigenous Peoples: North America:** Archival database from Gale. Covers the history of American Indian tribes in the US and Canada as well as supporting organizations. Subjects include the political, social, and cultural history of North American native peoples from the 16th to the 20th century.

***Learning Express Library (LEX):** Offers hundreds of tutorials, practice exams, and eBooks to help students and adult learners. Provides support for basic skills and job skills, academic success, career and job prep and research, standardized test prep, and more. Great complement to SDMyLife.

MAS Ultra School Edition: Contains full-text articles of popular high school magazines covering a range of subject areas, including history, science, and careers.

Points of View Reference Center: Presents multiple sides of controversial issues.

ProQuest Research Library: Multidisciplinary resource containing scholarly journals, trade publications, magazines, and other timely sources from multiple fields - arts, literature, social science, general reference, business, science, technology, and medicine. Will use in post-secondary & college.

Readers' Guide: Searchable full coverage of original paper volumes of periodicals.

SAGE Knowledge: A social science digital library for students and faculty. Has nearly 5,000 titles of eBook and eReference content, as well as business case studies and streaming video.

Science Reference Center: Articles & images from science magazines & reference books.

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HIGH SCHOOL

US Newsstream: Full-text news articles drawing from over 1000 different sources-- newspapers, trade journals, websites, TV & radio transcripts, blogs, and podcasts. Includes Sioux Falls Argus Leader, Minneapolis Star Tribune, and South Dakota Business Review. Has news dating to the 1980s.

***World Book Discover:** Differentiated for grades K-12 and special populations. Articles have a summary and reading level. Includes biographies, maps, WB Explains videos, Life Skills section.

***World Book Advanced:** Full-text articles for grades 6-12. A good starting point for deeper research. Full encyclopedia and multimedia databases supplemented with online books, primary sources, website links, back in time articles, special reports and more.

World Book Dramatic Learning: Think Reader's Theatre! Browse & filter plays, skits, and monologues & writing exercises. Find curriculum correlations, lesson plans, projects, rubrics, play starters & play posters and programs.